(b) and (c) As per records available with the Government around 27166 violations have been detected in 2007-08 and 7636 prosecution cases have been launched and 751 convictions have been obtained. Convictions/acquittals are a result of prosecutions launched in the Court of Law.

(d) and (e) No, Sir. The provisions of the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act are being enforced and implemented through out the country by the respective Governments properly.

Losses of jobs in the unorganized sector

1479. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has done anything for the unorganized sector that has witnessed considerable job losses; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken for the growth of jobs in the unorganized sector, category-wise and State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) and (b) Recognizing the serious problem of unemployment, the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005 was enacted. The Act provides for the enhancement of livelihood security of the households in rural areas of the country by providing at least 100 days of guaranteed wage employment in every financial year to every household. A significant feature of this Act is that if a worker who has applied for work under NREGA is not provided employment within 15 days from the date on which work is requested, an unemployment allowance is payable by the State Government at the rate prescribed in the Act. In addition to this, Government is implementing a number of employment generation schemes, such as Swarnjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana (SGSY), Swarn Jayanti Shahari Rojgar Yojana (SJSRY) and Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP). The PMEGP has been launched in August, 2008 for implementation from 2008-09 to 2012-13 with an estimated expenditure of Rs.4735 crore towards margin money and Rs. 250 crore towards backward forward linkages with the target for generation of 37.37 lakh additional employment opportunities.

Construction workers in metropolis cities

1480. DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA A. HEPTULLA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that there are lakhs of workers engaged in construction work throughout India;

(b) if so, the estimated number of construction workers in the metropolis cities;